

weather
report

47°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:06 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:36 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 51 degrees

• Humidity 34 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds southeast 8 mph

• Barometer 29.73 inches

and falling

• Record High 89° (1963)

• Record Low 8° (1931)

Last 24 Hours*

High 71°

Low 33°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, low mid 30s, winds southeast 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, high 50, winds south 10-20 mph, low 30-35.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of rain and snow, high 45-55, low 25-35. Friday: dry, high 60-65, low 30s. Saturday: dry, high 65-70, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.03

Loan deficiency payment — 42¢

Corn — \$1.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.90

Loan deficiency payment — 9¢

Milo — \$2.64 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.52 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.50

Loan deficiency payment — 39¢

Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea

and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Oil producers
to pump up

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is the only OPEC member holding out against an agreement to increase petroleum output by up to 7 percent, the Saudi oil minister said today as delegates met to try to forge a consensus that could lead to price relief at the gas pumps.

OPEC ministers resumed formal discussions later after failing to reach agreement Monday on how much crude oil to add to global supplies.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have backed a production increase of 1.5 million to 1.7 million barrels a day. The upper limit would amount to about 7 percent more than what OPEC members agreed to after sharply curtailing output in March.

Prices on world oil markets fell today on a report by Dow Jones Newswires that quoted an unidentified delegate as saying the group has agreed to increase output.

Relatives
reject plea
by U.S.

*Government wants
family to promise
it will release boy*

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. relatives of Elian Gonzalez lashed out at immigration authorities today, saying they had not signed an agreement demanded by the government to promise to surrender the 6-year-old if they lose their court fight to keep him out of Cuba.

Lawyers and a spokesman for the family were clearly frustrated when they emerged today from a 9 a.m. meeting with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and said no agreement had been signed.

“I don’t know what else they want from the Lazaro Gonzalez family,” family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said. “They (INS officials) are following orders either from Clinton’s lawyers or Fidel, and they need to answer to the community and to the world.”

“They are the ones who put this kid in Lazaro’s home, and they just want him to sign a blanket statement, which is not the American way.”

The INS had said Elian’s temporary permission to stay in the United States would end at 9 a.m. Thursday unless the family provides a written guarantee to give him up. Officials did not immediately respond to the family’s comments.

In the back yard of the home where Elian is staying, attorneys for the family met with Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian’s great-uncle, after the attorneys met with INS officials. Lazaro Gonzalez became visibly upset as he spoke with the attorneys, covering his face with his hands and then gesturing angrily. Elian played on a swing set nearby.

The agency, which made the demand in a letter delivered to family attorneys late Monday, said the commitment is required by law as a condition of the “parole” that allows Elian to remain in the United States under the care of his great-uncle.

The U.S. relatives want the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta to overturn a federal judge’s ruling affirming an INS decision to return Elian to Cuba. The court has scheduled oral arguments for the week of May 8, which could complicate any steps by the government.

The child has been the subject of an international custody dispute since November, when he was rescued by fishermen who found him lashed to an innertube off the Florida coast. His mother and 10 others died when their boat sank during the journey from Cuba to the United States.

Elian’s Miami relatives say they can give him a better life than he would have in communist Cuba. The Justice Department says he belongs with his father in Cuba.

Government officials have said they would not want to do anything to traumatize the boy. The INS also does not wish to provoke Miami’s large Cuban community.

Many of the protesters outside Elian’s home responded to a call by the anti-Castro Democracy Movement to be prepared to form a human chain around the home if the government tries to remove the child.



Work begins
on new road

The first step in tearing out the old concrete eastbound lanes of I-70 has begun near the Edson exit, where Koss Construction is removing the asphalt shoulders. Monday, work began at the Edson off-ramp, the easternmost point of the six miles of I-70 which will be replaced this summer. Traffic along the stretch is one-lane on the west-bound lanes while the construction is underway. The asphalt will be piled, and along with the pulverized old concrete, will be used in the new road base.

Photos by Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

Wrestling fans taken by stickers

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

It is not likely that many of the bumper stickers proclaiming the Goodland Cowboys among the top 100 wrestling schools in the country will be seen on cars, because they apparently are part of a nationwide scam being investigated by the FBI.

Gary Schields, president of the Goodland Wrestling Enthusiasts, said he has talked with lawyer for the national newspaper *USA Today* about the bumper stickers, which were purchased because there was supposed to be a national recognition of the top 100 schools nationally in wrestling.

A man who said he was John Gilbert, claiming to represent a firm called National Graphics, called Goodland wrestling Coach Chris Guillott after his team won the Kansas Class 4A state wrestling championship. He told Guillott that he was working with the National Wrestling Coaches Association who, along with *USA Today*, were going to honor the top 100 wrestling teams in the country with a special four-page supplement to be published last Tuesday.

Guillott talked to Gary Shields about the program. Gilbert had said that in conjunction with the insert, National Graphics was selling bumper stickers in each town to commemorate the national recognition. He said the group could purchase 150 bumper stickers for \$1.25 each to resell, and that any which were left could be returned for credit.

Wilbur Bahe, a member of the wrestling boosters, said the group decided



to buy the bumper stickers and sent a check for more than \$200 to Gilbert in Boca Raton, Fla.

When the bumper stickers arrived, Schields and Bahe noticed they were not exactly the right color. The request had been for black and cold, but the stickers came in orange and black, Colby High School colors.

Bahe said when they tried to call Gilbert, all they got was an answering machine, but no answers.

Gilbert also had contacted businesses in Goodland with a similar bumper sticker offer, and Jim Lundsday of Mr. Jim’s was told that if he took the deal, he would have the exclusive right to these bumper stickers. He also sent Gilbert a check.

When the *USA Today* edition of March 21 did not contain any special insert nor any information about a top 100 listing, people began to ask other questions.

Mike Moyer, executive director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, said his group was not aware of any such promotion, and that their name was being used without permis-

sion. He said he had heard from a school in Michigan which had been approached about the same promotion.

He said it was unfortunate that such a hoax was being perpetrated on the communities, and that he had been in contact with the FBI about the possible federal laws which may have been broken.

Calls to *USA Today* revealed the newspaper knew nothing about an insert, nor did employees know of any plans to do such a special section. Bahe said that Schields has been in contact with attorneys for the national newspaper, and they are pursuing the matter as well.

“We thought it was great that our kids were going to get some national recognition for their efforts,” Bahe said. “We are very disappointed that someone would use the efforts of our young people to pull such a scam.”

In trying to locate Gilbert, a check of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and the City of Boca Raton reveal no John Gilbert listed, and no National Graphics licensed in that city. Palm Beach County has no record of John

Gilbert or National Graphics, and there is no corporation with either that name or Gilbert listed as an officer or salesman.

All businesses in Palm Beach County and the City of Boca Raton are required to have an occupational license, including any home-based business or sales office, officials said.

A check for National Graphics reveals that there are companies by that name in at least half the states, and a call to a few did not find any who had any association with the bumper stickers or a John Gilbert.

“We do have a top 25 scholastic team poll which we do during the wrestling season,” Moyer said, “and I can see how this could be used to lead people into thinking we might do an end of the season final top 100. I am very sorry this has happened, and it makes it hard on the people involved.”

Meanwhile, the matter is under the investigation by the FBI and *USA Today* attorneys.

“The money is not a great amount,” Bahe said, “but it makes you less trusting of people.”

Fetal tissue sales, race occupy time

By Kelly Wiese

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — On a slow start to the legislative week, members are grappling with the issues of fetal tissue and racial profiling.

The House Federal and State Affairs Committee stripped a Senate bill of its contents Monday and replaced it with a measure requiring tighter restrictions and better record keeping for fetal tissue distribution.

Chairman Tony Powell, R-Wichita, said the measure probably will be debated in the House this week.

Federal law says fetal tissue donations are legal if they are not sold for a profit. Fetal tissue is used in research of such illnesses as diabetes, Parkin-

son’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease.

Congress lifted a ban on research involving fetal tissue transplants in 1993 but made it a felony to purchase or sell that tissue for a profit.

Federal law allows for reasonable costs. Powell said this bill replaces reasonable costs with a set amount.

Under the bill, a person couldn’t charge more than \$25 for fetal tissue, including the costs of packing the tissue in ice and shipping it.

The bill also requires those transferring fetal tissue to provide the Department of Health and Environment with detailed information, including the names of those shipping and receiving, and the method of shipment.

Action on the 78th day of the session

was light. House members and senators will spend much of the week in committees, trying to smooth over differences in legislation and send measures to Gov. Bill Graves.

In other action, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill to begin a study of whether law enforcement agencies engage in racial profiling. The House endorsed a similar version a month ago.

The bill would require the study to collect information on whether officers tend to stop people for traffic infractions and other possible crimes based on their race, gender or age.

The governor’s and attorney general’s offices would oversee the study and report to the 2001 Legislature.

Prayer ruffles the House

TOPEKA (AP) — The prayer opening the Senate session raised some eyebrows Monday.

The Rev. Roger Alford of New Salem Baptist Church in Winfield offered the prayer as guest chaplain.

“We praise you that you created this world and that we did not evolve from some cosmic slime,” he said. “We praise you for creating the first family of Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.”

Evolution has been a hot topic since the state Board of Education decided in August to de-emphasize its teaching in public schools, and homosexuality has been a sore point for many “social conservatives.”

After the Senate adjourned, Sen. Paul Feleciano, D-Wichita, said he thought the prayer was insensitive.

“I thought we had a policy that we would not get into areas of this nature,” he said. “I think it was totally uncalled for.”

Sen. Lana Oleen said she would have done the prayer differently.

“That might not be my word choice, but I respect the freedom of speech,” said Oleen, R-Manhattan.

In 1996, a guest chaplain angered some House members with a prayer that listed what he thought were the state’s sins, including abortion, the state’s lottery and tolerance of homosexuality.